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COUNTRY East Germany REPORT

TOPIC Rail Freight Traffic through East German Border Stations

EVALUATION \_\_\_\_\_ PLACE OBTAINED \_\_\_\_\_ 25X1

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REFERENCES \_\_\_\_\_ This is UNEVALUATED Information

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1. 24 July. 2 converted boxcars and 22 heavy-duty flatcars with load exceeding standard measurements by 125 mm on both sides were dispatched from Brest Litovsk to Magdeburg; \_\_\_\_\_ 25X1

2 converted boxcars and 17 heavy-duty flatcars with load exceeding standard measurements by 125 mm on both sides dispatched from Brest-Litovsk to Neustrélitz; \_\_\_\_\_ 25X1

25 July. 1 converted boxcar and 22 heavy-duty flatcars with load exceeding standard measurements by 149 mm on both sides were dispatched from Brest-Litovsk to Merseburg; \_\_\_\_\_ 25X1

*flug* 1 converted boxcar and 4 heavy-duty flatcars with load exceeding standard measurements by 293 mm on both sides were dispatched from Brest-Litovsk to Magdeburg; \_\_\_\_\_ 25X1

1 converted boxcar and 7 heavy-duty flatcars with load exceeding standard measurements by 125 mm on both sides were dispatched from Brest-Litovsk to Dallgow; \_\_\_\_\_ 25X1

2 converted boxcars and 22 heavy-duty flatcars with load exceeding standard measurements by 125 mm on both sides were dispatched from Brest-Litovsk to Zeithain. 1

✓2. On 25 July, one train \_\_\_\_\_ consisting of 11 converted boxcars, 12 boxcars, 37 flatcars, 1 kitchen car, and 2 sleeping cars with a total of 60 sleeping benches, was dispatched from Brest-Litovsk to Welzow. The shipment carried large boxes and motor vehicles as observed on 9 and 12 July. Load exceeded standard measurements by 30 mm on both sides.

Until 25 July, a total of seven empty shuttle trains were made available. An additional four empty shuttle trains were scheduled to be dispatched prior to 29 July 1955.

Of the seven shuttle trains, three loaded trains were consigned to Welzow prior to 25 July 1955.

The empty trains usually had to include the following numbers of cars:

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2 sleeping cars with 60 sleeping benches, about 7 to 15 converted boxcars, about 7 to 15 boxcars, 1 or 2 kitchen cars, and about 20 to 30 flatcars. 3

3. On 23 July, three trains coming from Leipzig and one train coming from Wildpark, each including four converted boxcars for escorting personnel, and loaded with buses, were dispatched from Frankfurt/Oder to Warsaw. The shipments were confidential. On 25 July, two of these trains had already returned empty. [redacted] the shipments were destined for the World War II memorial. 4

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4. [REDACTED] a shipment marked by a flag as carrying ammunition was dispatched from Toepchin to Brest-Litovsk on 25 July. The shipment contained [REDACTED] and 14 crash cars. When the RBD office ordered a [REDACTED] [REDACTED] crash cars, 15 ammunition cars, 1 brake car, 12 [REDACTED] [REDACTED] cars, [REDACTED] the train only carried empty ammunition boxes. The shipment was handled as if it actually carried ammunition, however, The shipment was probably surrendered at Frankfurt/Oder on 26 July and dispatched in the direction of Brest-Litovsk. 5

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1.   Comment. Continued incoming shipments of tanks (T-54s) on 6-axle flatcars with load exceeding measurements by 125 mm on both sides.     the shipments are consigned to units of the 1st and 2nd Gds Mecz Armies and the 3rd Shock Army.

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2.  Comment. According to load exceeding standard measurements, the shipments probably carried no T-54 tanks (possibly dredges or cranes).

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3. Comment. Continued shipments of air force ground units from the USSR. So far, four such shipments were observed on 5, 9, 12, and 25 July.

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4. **Comment.** These shipments are probably identical with shipments previously reported.

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5. Comment. It has been observed previously, that the same security measures were taken by the Soviets for empty ammunition boxes as well as for ammunition trains (using of crash cars).

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